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From the President | Dr. Ronald E. Nettles

Co-Lin's 2010 Homecoming was once again a perfect opportunity to bring our college's students, staff, and alumni together to celebrate our past and our future. It was a beautiful weekend with perfect weather for all the events and activities that were scheduled.

I was especially pleased to host the former Phi Theta Kappa officers and advisors at my home on Friday evening. This organization has meant so much to our college for many years, and the students who have been members have gone on to be successful in their personal lives and careers. Former PTK advisor, Russell Ray commented to me how pleased he was to see that so many of the PTK students had returned to Co-Lin as instructors. Other former Phi Theta Kappa members have gone on to be successful in business, education, and healthcare. It is a great organization that continues to provide current students with recognition for their academic accomplishments and leadership opportunities.

On a sad note, we celebrated our first Homecoming at Co-Lin in many years without the presence of one of our greatest supporters, Burlian Walker. Burlian passed away after a long battle with cancer but he never lost his love for Co-Lin or the generations of former students he touched. As a long time employee and director of the Alumni Association, you could always count on Burlian to be present at Homecoming activities. We were very pleased to have his family at the alumni luncheon on Saturday allowing us one more opportunity to recognize Burlian for his contributions to our college.

We also welcomed back numerous Co-Lin high school and college reunion classes on Friday evening and enjoyed successful Athletic and Band/Colette Hall of Fame inductions on Saturday morning. The alumni luncheon in the Thames Center had over 250 alumni and friends in attendance to help us recognize our outstanding alumni of the year and our outstanding faculty and staff members from each of our campuses. We also had a very special tribute to Co-Lin's own 854th Medical Collecting Company by General Ed Williamson in recognition of the group's 60th reunion.

I want to thank each of you who were able to attend, and I want to extend a special invitation to all our graduates to return to Co-Lin next year for Homecoming. We want to remind you that Co-Lin remains "The Place to Be!"

Ronald E. Nettles

Letter to Alumni and Friends | Angela Berch

Growing up in Wesson, I couldn't wait to attend Copiah-Lincoln Community College. It was all that I expected it to be! I formed friendships that are still with me today, some 25+ years ago. That's a testament to the camaraderie of Co-Lin students and the bonds that form here. I am so honored to be your alumni president this year and look forward to the incoming alumni leadership. Kelly, Patrick and I share a passion for increasing our alumni membership and having more of a presence in the community.

As of January, 2010, we began accepting dues payments/donations via PayPal on the Co-Lin website. I hope you will help us spread the word. Our strategy is to focus on growing the number of alumni memberships by providing this additional quick way to join. This will not only increase funds, but more importantly, provide more individuals willing to become involved with giving back to Co-Lin. Click and join, it doesn't get much easier than that!

So many times people tell me they can't join the alumni association because they did not graduate from Co-Lin. I tell them, sure you can! The alumni association is for anyone that attended Co-Lin, not just our graduates. I hope this message reaches the many past students who attended but were under the impression that they were not eligible to join the association.

Your alumni association is expanding. Most recently, the Natchez area alumni formed their own chapter. In addition, the athletic and band/Colette chapters continue to welcome new members and plan future activities. A cheerleader alumni chapter is next on the horizon, so look for details on that coming soon.

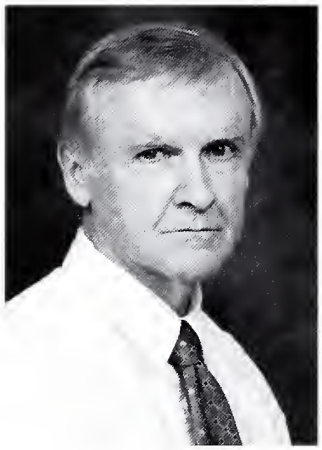
Please pay your dues, volunteer, attend a sporting event, recruit a future student, but just get involved. I know that many of you are as passionate about Co-Lin as I am and together we can make this the best year yet for great things happening at the place to be.....our Co-Lin.

Thank you,

Angela Berch

Campbell returns as Executive Director

David E. Campbell, a Franklin County native and resident, has joined Copiah-Lincoln Community College's staff as Executive Director of the Foundation and Alumni Affairs. He was associate director of alumni affairs from 2003-09.



Campbell is a graduate of Co-Lin and the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a Master of Science degree in communications with a minor in management. His undergraduate work is in mass communications with a minor in marketing. He has completed additional work at Southern Miss and Alcorn State University.

His career has spanned from weekly and daily newspapers to rural electrification. He worked in public relations with Magnolia Electric Power Association in McComb and Singing River Electric Power Association in Lucedale for more than 30 years prior to joining Co-Lin in 2003.

Campbell is secretary-treasurer of the Franklin County Conservation District and a former state president of the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts. He is a member of the Brookhaven Lincoln County Rotary Club and a past president of the McComb Lions Club.

He replaces Charlotte Hill, who retired in December after 8 years of service to the college. "David brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position and has the ability to take the Foundation to the next level. I know he will do an outstanding job, and I wish him much success as he begins this new career," Hill said.

Alumni Association | Officers elected for 2010-2011

Berch

Stelzreide

Brown

Angela Berch ('84) of Wesson is the new president of the Co-Lin Alumni Association. She received her B.S. degree from Mississippi State University and her M.B.A. from Mississippi College. Berch is a workforce development coordinator for Co-Lin.

Kelly Stelzreide ('07) of Brookhaven is serving as vice president of the alumni association. She received a B.S. from Franklin University and is the owner of Cyber X Computer Syestems. She has a four year old son, John Kelly.

Patrick Brown ('04) of Brookhaven is serving as secretary. He has an associate of applied science degree from Co-Lin and works as a computer network administrator for Lincoln County School District.

Athletic Alumni Association Taps Officers

At the annual meeting of the athletic alumni association held during homecoming activities, Dr. Diane Smith Watson ('89) was elected as president. She will be joined by Chris Calcote ('71) and Curtis McMillan ('60) as secretary. Mike McIntyre ('67), Sonny Hill ('63) and Troy C. Greer ('58) were elected to serve as board members for the organization.

Alumni Spotlight

Melissa Lewis Mayer ('86) is currently serving as Public Relations Officer for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, although she telecommutes from her home in Louisville, KY. Mayer received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from The University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Liberal Studies from Millsaps College. She and her husband have two children.

Alumni Association | Alumni of the Year

Dr. Donald Cotten and Sonya Cowen were honored at Homecoming as outstanding alumni of the college. The selection is made by a committee of alumni from throughout Co-Lin's district after accepting nominations from the alumni body.

Cotten

Cowen

Cotten, of Hattiesburg is a 1966 Co-Lin graduate. A native of Meadville, he has worked in various capacities in academia for over 40 years. He received a B.S. degree in biology and a M.S degree in science education with an emphasis in biology from The University of Southern Mississippi, and an Ed.D in curriculum and instruction from West Virginia University.

He served as a science instructor and division chair at Co-Lin in the 70s, and worked in various capacities at Southern Miss, as a professor, program development coordinator and Assistant Vice President for Research and Planning. After a stint as Executive Director of The Public Education Forum of Mississippi, he returned to Southern Miss to serve as Director of The Center for Science and Mathematics Education and later served as Vice President for Research and Graduate Dean. He has also served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer at Arkansas State University and Vice Provost for Research at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and currently serves as a research specialist for Military Initiatives for Higher Ed Holdings/Best Associates in Dallas, Texas.

Cotten was selected as a member of the College of Education and Psychology's Hall of Fame at Southern Miss in 2005 and is a two-time recipient (1978 and 1980) of Phi Delta Kappa's Excellence in Teaching Award at Southern Miss. His work has appeared in numerous publications, and he is a member of numerous professional and community organizations, including past president of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences, past president and member of the Mississippi Science Teachers Association, past president and member of the Hattiesburg Lions Club and a lifetime member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Grants Resource Center.

He is married to Catherine Perry Cotten and they live in Hattiesburg.

Cowen of Wesson is a 1963 graduate of Co-Lin High School and a 1965 graduate of the college. She has worked as a librarian for over 40 years. She received a B.S. degree in Education and Library Science from Mississippi College in 1967 and has completed additional study at Mississippi College and The University of Southern Mississippi.

In high school, she was chosen Miss Copiah-Lincoln AHS, was salutatorian of her class and was a member of the basketball team and the Colettes. She continued to be active on campus at Co-Lin during her college years and was selected to the Hall of Fame in 1965. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, student council, BSU and the Colettes. She was also chosen as a campus favorite, homecoming maid and Miss Co-Lin. At Mississippi College, she was a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

She established the first library at Wesson Elementary School and worked there as an elementary and high school librarian for 30 years. She has worked as an assistant librarian in the Evelyn W. Oswalt Library at Co-Lin for the past seven years. She is a member of the Mississippi Library Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, where she was chosen as a Woman of Distinction in 1990.

Cowen is an active member of the Co-Lin alumni association and the Band and Colette Alumni Chapter. She is involved in the community as a member of the Wesson Garden Club, the 50+ Club, Wesson Friends of the Library and Beta Sigma Phi, where she was president and state Woman of the Year in 1971, and she is a member of Wesson Baptist Church, where she serves as a Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir.

She was married to the late Hollis J. Cowen, Jr and they have two grown children, Hollis J. Cowen, III (Trey), of Wesson, and Katrina Smith, of Flagstaff, Arizona.

Calling all former Cheerleaders!

The alumni association is in the process of starting a cheerleader alumni chapter. If you are a former cheerleader, mascot or cheer coach, please contact the alumni office at 601-643-8313 or Twyana Morse at 601-643-8561.

Alumni Association | Sports Hall of Fame has five new members

Co-Lin inducted five new members into its Sports Hall of Fame during the annual meeting of the athletic alumni association at Homecoming. Those honored were Brandon Belanger, Colby Calcote, Katrina Dotson-James, John Madison Laird, Jr., and Randy Thomas.

From left, Randy Thomas, representing the late John Madison Laird, Jr. is his wife Brenda Laird, Katrina Dotson-James, Colby Calcote and Brandon Belanger.

Belanger of Houston, Texas was honored for his achievements in baseball. He is a 1998 graduate of Co-Lin, where he was selected as an MACJC All-State player, MACJC All Region, NJCAA All-American and an NJCAA Academic All American. He set the single season strikeout record in 1998 and came in second in the country. He also played in the Mississippi Junior College All Star Game.

After Co-Lin, Belanger played at Tulane University, where he set both single season and career saves records and was nominated for their Athletic Hall of Fame. After Tulane, Belanger played two seasons for the San Diego Padres and also played on a team in Idaho Falls, Idaho that won the Pioneer League Championship. He received Relief Pitcher of the Month twice during his time there.

Belanger currently serves as West U.S. Sales Director for Pernix Pharmaceuticals, Inc in Houston. He and his wife, Angie Mullins Belanger, also a Co-Lin graduate, have three sons, Brock, 7, Brody, 4, and Brady, 3.

Calcote of Meridian was honored for his achievements in baseball. He is a 1998 graduate of Co-Lin, where he was selected as an MACJC All-State player, NJCAA Academic All American, named to the NJCAA All-Region team, and was chosen for the NJCAA Region 23 All-Star JUCO Showcase. He helped the Wolf Pack win their first ever Region 23 Division II Championship in 1998. He broke the 1998 pitching strikeout record and was the winner of the MAC Halbrook Award.

After Co-Lin, Calcote played at the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned his position as a weekend conference starter and was the 1999 Strikeout Leader. In 1999, he helped Southern Miss earn their first Regional Bid since 1991. He was the winning pitcher in their milestone 1000th win and was a participant in the last Winn Dixie showdown in the Superdome. He also received the Forrest General Sports Care Scholar Athlete Award.

Calcote is currently employed at The Service Company where he is the Director of Residential Services. He is married to Kathleen Valentine Calcote, and they have two children, Wilson, 3, and Camille, 1.

Dotson-James of Natchez was honored for her achievements in basketball. She is a 1999 Co-Lin graduate where she led the team in scoring and rebounding during her freshman year and helped the Lady Wolves to win the South Division championship and finished as runner up in the MACJC State and NJCAA Region tournaments. Twice named MACJC Second Team All-State, Dotson-James was also named MVP her sophomore year. She led the Lady Wolves to a MACJC State title and again led the team to a runner-up finish in the NJCAA Region XXIII championship game, after which she was selected as a NJCAA Second Team All American.

After Co-Lin, Dotson-James signed with Southern University in Baton Rouge where she was named SWAC Newcomer of the Year and First Team All SWAC. She transferred to Alcorn State University, where she completed her bachelor's degree and is currently pursuing her master's degree at Grand Canyon University. She is a physical education teacher at Jefferson County Elementary School and is the head coach for the Jefferson County Junior High boys' basketball team, where she is *(continued on page 12)*

Alumni Association | Outstanding Faculty & Staff

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumni Association honored five outstanding faculty and staff members for their contributions to the college during the alumni luncheon at Homecoming. Wesson campus honorees included Anita Cliburn as outstanding academic instructor, Leigh Easterling as outstanding career-technical instructor, and Lea Ann Knight as outstanding staff member. Dr. Dewayne Middleton was honored as outstanding faculty/staff member at the Natchez campus, and Nancy McLemore was honored as outstanding faculty /staff member at the Simpson County Center.

From left, Leigh Easterling, Lea Ann Knight, Dewayne Middleton, Nancy McLemore and Anita Cliburn.

Cliburn, of Wesson teaches Anatomy and Physiology lecture and lab classes. Prior to coming to Co-Lin in 1997, she was a claims manager for Progressive Insurance for 10 years. She is a 1980 graduate of Co-Lin and received a B.S. degree in Biology from Millsaps College and a M.S. degree in Science Education from The University of Southern Mississippi. She has completed additional study at Princeton University and Cornell University.

She was selected to Who's Who Among Collegiate Faculty and is a lifetime member of Montclair Who's Who in Collegiate Faculty. She is a recipient of the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award, the Lamp Lighters Award and the NISOD Award. She is a member of Mississippi Science Teachers Association, National Science Teachers Association, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

She and her husband, Eddie are the parents of John Michael, a student at Mississippi State University, and Matthew, a student at Co-Lin. They are members of Wesson Baptist Church.

Easterling, of Wesson is an instructor in the Business and Office Systems Technology program. She also assists in the leadership of the largest Phi Beta Lambda chapter in the state. Before arriving in the Business and Office Systems department, she was a training specialist for the Workforce Development Center at Co-Lin.

She earned her B.S. degree in Technology Teacher Education and her M.S. degree in Technology at Mississippi State University. She is certified to teach various technology applications on the secondary and post-secondary levels. While working on her master's degree, she taught various undergraduate technology application courses at MSU.

Easterling was selected to Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and is a recipient of the NISOD Excellence in Teaching award and the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award. She is a member of the Mississippi Business Education Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. She and her husband Shane are proud parents to Riley Shane, 6, and Casen Lee, 2. They are members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Knight, of Wesson is the Director of Counseling and Recruitment. She has been working as a counselor for over 22 years and has been at Co-Lin for the past 13 years. Prior to Co-Lin, she worked as an elementary and high school guidance counselor.

She is a 1986 graduate of Co-Lin and received a B.S in educational psychology and social studies from Mississippi State University and a M.Ed in guidance and counseling from The University of Southern Mississippi. At Co-Lin, Knight has served as advisor to the Trailblazer student recruitment team and as the advisor for the Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She was named as an Outstanding Young Woman in America and Teacher of the Month, and was selected as Who's Who Among American Educators. She received the Ann Bradberry Award from the Trailblazers, the Most Distinguished Advisor in the MS/LA Region for Phi Theta Kappa, the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award and the Phi Theta Kappa "Go Get 'er Award."

Knight participates in numerous charities such as Relay for Life and the Make a Wish Foundation's Walk for Wishes, in which she has served both as team captain. She is a member of numerous professional organizations such as the Mississippi Counseling Association, and the Mississippi Regional Counselors Association, where she has served as president, and the Mississippi Community/Junior College Counselors Association. She and her husband, Phillip are proud parents to Whitney, 19, a student at Mississippi State University.

McLemore of Vidalia, LA, has been Director of the Willie Mae Dunn Library on the Natchez Campus for the past seven years. Prior to Co-Lin, she taught high school English, was Learning Resource Center Director at Alcorn State

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Alumni Association | Band and Colette Alumni Chapter

Hall of Fame & Stanley W. Stewart Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

Margaret Ewing Thomas of Hattiesburg was inducted into the Co-Lin Band and Colette Hall of Fame at ceremonies held during Homecoming. Shelley Smith of Jayess was honored as the Stanley Stewart Outstanding Young Alumnus.

Thomas grew up on the Co-Lin campus, graduated from Co-Lin Agricultural High School in 1954 and from the college in 1956. She is an honor graduate of Millsaps College and holds a Master of Arts degree in Music Education from William Carey University. She has taught vocal music to all age levels in schools, churches, and her private studio and in 1995 founded Mississippi Boychoir, which she conducted until her retirement in August, 2010.

Thomas received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in 1996. She has been a frequent participant in Homecoming celebrations since the death of her father, former Co-Lin President, James M. Ewing. To honor her parents, she is a regular donor to the Co-Lin Foundation and is a member of the Foundation's Hall of Fame. She and her late husband, the Reverend John Ed Thomas, have three children and four grandchildren.

Smith is a Chemistry instructor at Co-Lin. She is a 1996 graduate of Co-Lin and received a B.S. degree in Chemistry and a M.S. degree in Quantitative Chemistry from Mississippi College. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry at Jackson State University.

Thomas

Smith

She has been a member of the Co-Lin staff since 2003 and also serves as the Colette and Color Guard Director and occasionally as the flutist in the concert band and a vocalist in the jazz band. She received the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award in 2009 and the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Award in 2010. She is a charter member of the Band and Colette Alumni chapter. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Mary Smith and is a member of Topeka Baptist Church where she plays piano and sings.

Newly elected board members of the Band and Colette Alumni Chapter are Mark Hamilton ('79), president; Becky Nix ('55), vice-president and Sonya Cowen ('65), secretary.

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Walker leaves legacy at Co-Lin

by Angela Furr

The name Burlian Walker is practically synonymous with Co-Lin. His love for the college was evident to anyone who knew him.

Walker passed away in October after a lengthy illness, but his kind heart and passion for his work live on at Co-Lin by all those who knew and loved him.

He served Co-Lin as director of public information for 32 years. In addition, he was executive director of the Co-Lin foundation and alumni affairs, advisor to the Wolf Tales campus newspaper and Trillium yearbook as well as the campus radio station and the Trailblazers. He also taught journalism and radio broadcasting courses, and judged, emceed and directed numerous beauty pageants on campus and throughout the state.

Dr. Howell Garner, former Co-Lin president, worked with Walker for many of his 32 years. "Burlian was a solid Co-Lin employee who was passionate about Co-Lin from his time as a student to when he came back to work. He put his heart and soul into everything he did," Garner said.

Dr. Ronnie Nettles, current president of the college, agreed. "Burlian touched so many lives while at Co-Lin and will certainly be missed by generations of former students. At the same time he cared for the future of the college and established permanent scholarships to assist Co-Lin students. His love for the college will be felt for years to come," Nettles said.

Walker's love for Co-Lin began as a student in 1960. He was liked by his peers and was involved in many campus organizations such as the yearbook staff, the cheerleaders and the Young Men's Christian Association. After Co-Lin, he transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. He was involved in the student newspaper, Alpha Phi Omega and was editor of the campus directory. He completed additional study at Southern Miss and The University of Mississippi and received his lifetime radiotelephone licenses from the Federal Communications Commission.

He began his career as a reporter for

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Walker and Dr. Diane Smith-Watson were selected as Alumni of the Year at Homecoming 1999.

Homecoming

Let the Good Times Roll!

Homecoming 2010 was a huge success. After a week of fun events for students and faculty on campus, the weekend kicked off with a reception at the president's home in honor of former Phi Theta Kappa officers. Young and not-so-young alumni, along with former advisors filled the president's home and enjoyed good food and conversation.

Saturday's events began with the induction of five new members into the college's Sports Hall of Fame. Members of the class of 2010 are Brandon Belanger ('98), Colby Calcote ('98), Katrina Dotson-James ('99), John M. Laird ('63) and Randy Thomas ('96).

The Band and Colette Alumni Chapter inducted Margaret Ewing Thomas into its Hall of Fame and recognized Shelley Smith as the recipient of the Stanley Stewart Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Over 200 alumni and friends attended the alumni association's annual awards luncheon. The association honored Dr. Donald Cotten and Sonya Cowen as 2010 Alumni of the Year. Also honored were Anita Cliburn, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Leigh Easterling, Outstanding Career-Technical Instructor; Lea Ann Knight, Outstanding Staff Member; all from the Wesson campus; Nancy McLemore, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member, Natchez campus; and Dewayne Middleton, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member, Simpson County Center.

The day wrapped up with a tailgate party attended by alumni, friends and their children. Everyone enjoyed reuniting on campus and the Wolfpack celebrated a Homecoming victory over the Pearl River Wildcats in front of a packed stadium.

854th Medical

The 854th Medical Collecting Company recently held a reunion during Copiah-Lincoln Community College's homecoming activities. Seated from left, Ben Durr of Kingwood, Texas; Ed Williamson of Brandon, Louis Lowery of Georgetown; standing from left, Charles Andrews of Byram, Joseph Davis of Purvis, James Keen and Vernon Tullos, both of Brookhaven; Pat Brown of Baton Rouge, and M. E. Brewer of Ridgeland.

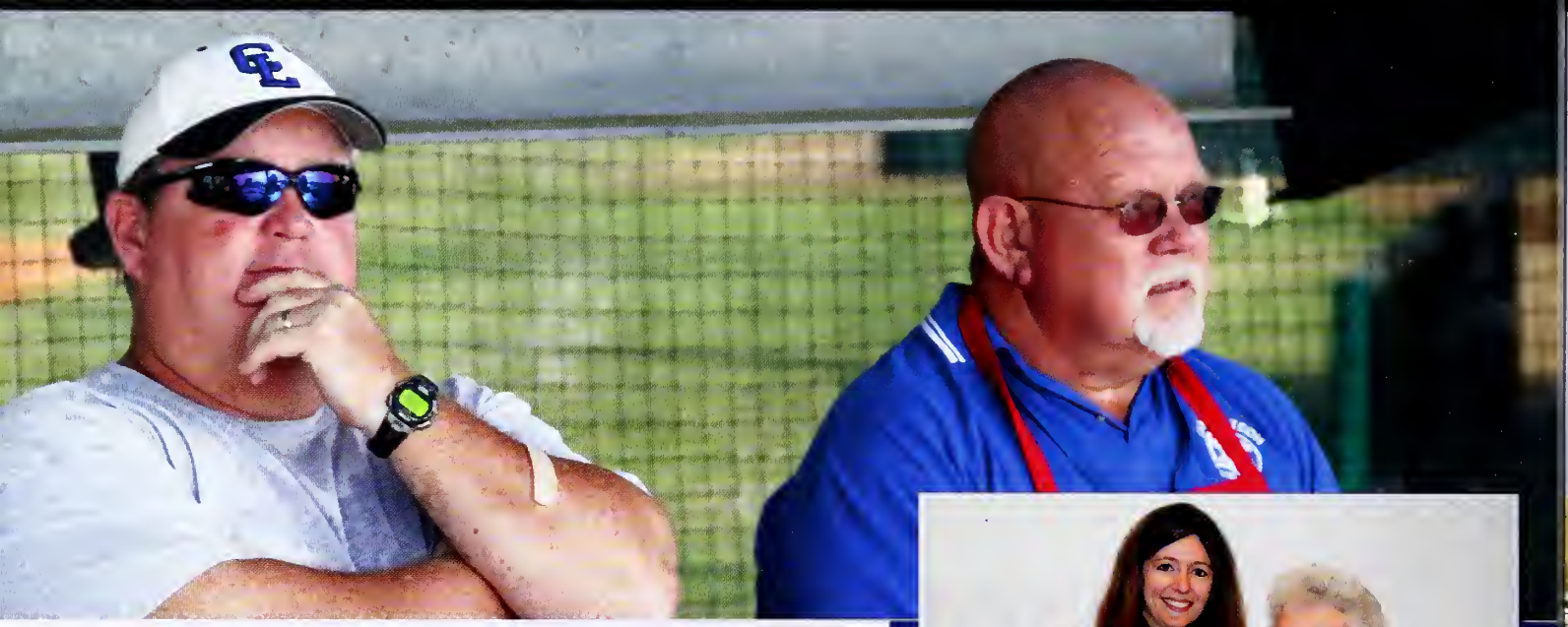
Reunions

From left: Willie Edward Carpenter, Mallard Beasley, Earl Cox, Barbara Fay Varnado Hyatt, Bertha Anna Price Farmer, Betty Ann Hamilton, Betty Sue Newman Jones, Mary Bernice Page Varnado, Anna Rebecca Newsome, Carol Dodds. Back Row: Robert Earl Hamilton, Gene Swilley Massey, Harold Leroy James, Charles Edward Ahrend, Mack Hales, Robert Derrick, Irma Jean Case Ross, Margaret Alice Lea, Zoula Mae Hennington Huffman, Wayne Brown, James Lloyd Teaster

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Class of 1960 recently held their 50th class reunion during the college's homecoming activities. (From left) Bernita Calcote Reeves of Monticello, Sylvia Watson Barnett of Ferriday, La.; Lucretia Bishop Berry of Byram, Glenda Smith Hart of Brookhaven, Wanda Cothren Orr of Vaiden; standing from left, Roy Fortenberry of Pinola, Curtis McMillian of Mendenhall, Laron Reeves of Monticello, Buford Berry of Byram, Ralph Sanders of Wiggins, and Scarlett Lee Kees of Pinola.

1940 GRADUATE – Eva Allen Walley of Brookhaven recently attended the alumni luncheon during homecoming activities.

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Class of 1950 recently held a reunion during the college's homecoming activities. (From left) Ben Durr of Kingwood, Texas; Dian Blankenhorn of Madison, Joy Davis Patterson of Jackson, Wyolene Hadskey Rainer of Monroe, La.; and Robert Hennington of Flowood.



Alumni and friends enjoyed tailgaiting before the Homecoming game.

Celeste Williamson with Alumna of the Year Sonya Cowen.

onorary starter Sharon Langley nd Allen Kent at the Home-oming Golf Tournament.

Micah Davis, Glenn Davis and Randy Thomas.

Holli Adams Pepper ('02), Nina Fischer Strother ('02) and Celeste Jones Williamson ('97) pose with former PTK advisor, Russell Ray at the president's reception at Homecoming.

Dr. Ronnie Nettles, General Ed Williamson and Dr. Donald Cotten.

Colby Calcote, Head Baseball Coach Keith Case and Brandon Belanger.

Homecoming Court

2010 Homecoming Court with their escorts from left, Megan Buckles, freshman maid (NC); Brooke King, freshman maid (WC), Olivia Mays, freshman maid (WC); Katie Beth Case, sophomore maid (WC); Rachel Hayman, sophomore maid (WC); Whitney Clark, homecoming queen (WC); Cadreidre Stalling, sophomore maid (WC) Crystal Cage, sophomore maid (NC), Brandy Owens, sophomore maid (NC); Macie Case, freshman maid (WC); Hallie Layton, freshman maid (SCC); Kristi Britt, freshman maid (NC); and Jerrica Warren, sophomore maid (SCC).

Championship Flight winners at the homecoming golf tournament are (from left) Ed Norwood, Jacob Ross, Tommy Sasser and Colby Woodward. Not pictured: Craig Hennington and Ricky McInnis.

Dr. Ronnie Nettles, Frederick Clark, 2010 Homecoming Queen Whitney Clark and 2009 Queen Mary Catherine McDonnieal.

Sports Hall of Fame

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the first female to coach boys' basketball. She lives in Natchez with her husband, Lawrence and daughter, La'dazsha, 14, and she is active in her church and community.

John Madison Laird, Jr. was honored for his achievements in football. He is a 1963 graduate of Co-Lin, where he played center and was a kicking specialist. He was an All-State team selection and a Third Team All-American.

After Co-Lin, he signed with The University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a kicking specialist and holds the record for extra point percentage. He earned bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees from Southern Miss. After college, he coached football at South Pike High School for five years. He went on to work as a football coach and junior high principal at Franklin County where he was selected Coach of the Year in the conference for three years. He was a well-loved teacher, coach and principal at Franklin County from 1970 until his death in 1987.

Laird is survived by his wife of 22 years, Brenda Sue Ratcliff, his children, Cassie Laird Jannise and Mavis Laird Butler, and three grandchildren.

Thomas was honored for his achievements in football. He is a 1996 graduate of Co-Lin where he was an All-State, All-Region and All-American selection as a two-year starter at tight guard. He was rated the best JUCO lineman in the state by the Clarion Ledger and the fifth-best player overall. After Co-Lin, Thomas transferred to Mississippi State University, where he started every game in his two years and quickly established himself as one of the Bulldogs' top offensive linemen. He earned First Team All-SEC honors and was also an SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

In 1999, he was drafted by the New York Jets where he started all 16 games during his rookie season. He is a veteran of 11 NFL seasons, having spent time with the Jets (1999-2002) and Washington Redskins (2003-09). A severe triceps injury sidelined Thomas for much of the 2009 season, and he was released from the Redskins in March 2010. After signing with the Miami Dolphins in August 2010, he was injured again and is now retired. Thomas and his wife, Teresa, have four children, Brandi, Randy, Teri and Cameron.

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7:30 p.m.,
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Showcase Series

CHRISTOPHER BRADY ART EXHIBIT
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Mutton Building Gallery

SPENCER MYER
Pianist
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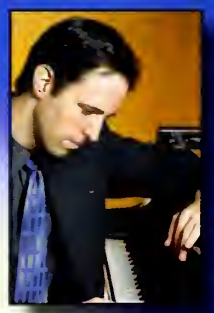

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RANDY MINTON ART EXHIBIT
April 22 - May 19, 2011
Mutton Building Gallery

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Walker leaves legacy at Co-Lin

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The Magee Courier in 1963. He taught and served as chairman of the English department at Magee High School from 1964-1965, and was a clerk with the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966 before coming to Co-Lin in 1967 where he remained until his retirement in 1999.

Natalie Davis, director of public information at Co-Lin, remembers her first days on the job as Walker's successor. "To follow in Burlian's footsteps was no easy task, he was a legend here. I can remember joking with him about being introduced as 'the new Burlian Walker' and everyone saying 'OK, well how is Burlian?' Davis said. "He was loved, respected, and admired not only by the 'Co-Lin family,' but by his colleagues at other institutions. He was a friend, mentor, and instructor to so many, especially his students, and he will be remembered for his love of Co-Lin and the impact he made on the thousands of students he taught."

Walker was honored with countless awards during his career, including being selected to Outstanding Young Men of America in 1972 and the 1976 edition of Men of Achievement published by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England, a dedication of the 1976 Trillium Yearbook, the Service Award in 1980, Outstanding Instructor of the Year in 1984, and the Ann Bradberry Award and Co-Lin Alumnus of the Year in 1999. He was honored for his writing by the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi and was awarded a plaque by the Mississippi Junior College Press Association for 21 years of loyal service in 1988. He received an honorary membership into the Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Co-Lin in 2009.

Walker's "wall of fame" in his office.

Walker was active in community and civic organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Lion's Club and St Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was president of the Co-Lin Alumni Association, a member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, the Mississippi Journalism Association, and the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi and served on the boards of many organizations such as the Brookhaven Little Theatre and directed six productions for the theatre.

After retiring from Co-Lin, Walker moved to Hattiesburg where was active in the community as long as his health allowed. One of his proudest accomplishments later in his life was serving as chair of the Smoke Free Hattiesburg Group for five years, helping to establish the city as a "Smoke Free City."

Even while living in Hattiesburg, Co-Lin was close to his heart. He visited as often as he could and contributed to scholarships such as the Dr. Phyllis Hayes Lanier Science Scholarship, which he established in 2000, the Arlee W. Walker Pre-Professional Science Scholarship established by Lanier in memory of Walker's mother in 1981 and the Burlian O'Neal Walker Communications Scholarship that he established in 2002. He was named to the Foundation Hall of Fame, an elite group of donors to the Co-Lin Foundation, in 2004.

"Co-Lin was everything to him, besides his family," Walker's sister, Audrey Walker Andrews said. "He was so proud to be able to establish scholarships and to support the students there and he continued to keep in contact with the students who received them. He was so proud of their accomplishments."

Walker spent his last months in and out of hospitals and in the end, a swing bed in Magee. No matter how bad he felt, he remained positive and never stopped praying for others. He kept an extensive prayer list and continued to request prayers for all of his friends, even in his final days.

"I never knew how many lives he touched until after his death," Andrews said. "It is so special to us to know how much he meant to so many people."

Walker was known as an outstanding instructor and employee, but his former colleagues and students remember him as a friend.

Melissa Mayer ('86), one of Walker's former students, says she uses the writing skills that Walker taught her every day in her career in public relations. "I remember we were working late one night on the newspaper to publish the special homecoming edition," Mayer said, "Burlian taught us a lesson that evening not only in word usage, but in grace and tact. Going over our copy he corrected gently as he always did, saying 'Remember, at homecoming we never have 'old' homecoming queens, cheerleaders or Colettes- we use the word 'former.' Our homecoming queens, cheerleaders and dancers never grow old; they only grow more radiant as the years go by.'"

It seemed only fitting that Burlian Walker slipped out of this life and into the next during homecoming week. He will be remembered forever at Co-Lin, not as having grown old and ill, but as a radiant ambassador for Co-Lin until the very end.

Contributions to the Burlian O'Neal Walker Communications Scholarship Fund may be sent to Copiah-Lincoln Community College, PO Box 649 Wesson, MS 39191 or, contact the Co-Lin Foundation office at (601) 643-8313.

Beta Sigma Phi scholarship endowed

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority has established an endowed scholarship through the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a graduate of Wesson Attendance Center that will be a full-time student on the Wesson Campus. Bettye Lusk Boutwell (second from left) and Marcia Teaster (second from right) present the check to Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles (far right) and former Co-Lin Foundation Executive Director Charlotte Hill. The first award will be given in the fall of 2011.

Homebuilders scholarship endowed

Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles receives a $500 check from Dick Thompson (Live Oak Construction), president of the Home Builders Association of Natchez. The money will be deposited in the Co-Lin Foundation fund for Natchez campus scholarships, and used to aid a student in a building trades program. Pictured are, from left: Andrew Calvit (Atmos Energy), past president of the association; Scott Christian (Gillon Group) and association secretary; Thompson; Nettles; Teresa Busby, Natchez campus vice president; and Charlotte Hill, former executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation. The association plans to contribute additional funds in the future.

Hill Retires as Head of Foundation

Charlotte Hill retired from her position as Executive Director of the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Affairs in December after 8 years.

Hill began her professional career in education in 1979 as a planning analyst at Delta State University, She took the position with the office of institutional research after returning to college as a non-traditional student to receive her Bachelor of Science in education.

Her teaching career includes serving as a classroom social studies teacher at Hammond, La., High School. She has also worked as an adjunct instructor teaching career planning at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La.

She became director of development for Southeastern Development Foundation at Southeastern Louisiana University in 1985. While at the Foundation, she secured the first two endowed professorships at the university and implemented a matching gift campaign that resulted in a 62% increase in corporate support.

In 1997 she joined the JSU Development Foundation at Jackson State University as executive director. After serving in that position for one year, she accepted a job as vice-president for institutional advancement at Piney Woods School, a nationally recognized private secondary school. While at Piney Woods, she oversaw an annual departmental budget of $612,000 and generated annual fund income of $3.6 million dollars.

She left Piney Woods in 2002 to become executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Affairs. Under her leadership, the Foundation has received gifts of more than $5 million.

Hill is married to Albert "Sonny" Hill and they have one daughter, Brenda, and three grandchildren. She is looking forward to the new chapter of her life that retirement brings, but says she will miss the friendships at Co-Lin. "My years at Co-Lin have been the most enjoyable and rewarding time of my professional career. I've had the opportunity to work under the leadership of two outstanding presidents, and I've especially enjoyed my association with Co-Lin's many dedicated alumni and donors whose loyalty and generosity have made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many of our students," Hill said.

Alumnus Hikes Appalachian Trail

By Angela Furr

On the Appalachian Trail, everyone goes by a nickname. Daniel Holloway's trail name was Mr. Right because he was a know it all when it came to hiking the trail. But what the nearly 6-month-long adventure taught him was more than he could have gotten from a guide book.

Holloway ('99) began the trek from Georgia to Maine by way of the Appalachian Trail in March 2009 at Springer Mountain, located about an hour north of Atlanta. Five months, three weeks and 2179 miles later, he reached the final summit at Katahdin Mountain in September 2009.

Hiking the trail had been a life-long goal for Holloway, after first meeting a thru-hiker while on vacation in Gatlinburg, Tennessee with his family at age 11. "As I approached my 30th birthday, I just thought, why not? How many more years will I physically be able to walk 2100 miles?" Holloway said.

Logistically, it took some planning. After convincing his girlfriend, Amanda Mitchell to do the hike with him, they began saving towards the $5000 it would take to make it happen. They spent time hiking in and around their home in San Francisco to prepare for the trail. When his apartment lease was up, Holloway quit his job working for the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival and set out for adventure.

The first day they hiked 9 miles. In a week and a half, they had walked 100 miles. Soon, they were able to hike more than 20 miles a day. After a month, they put in 33 miles in one day, helped by an opportunity to "slack pack," which refers to when they would hitchhike into town and someone would transport their packs to a different location, allowing them to hike without the added weight of a 35 pound pack.

Aside from the regular discomforts of trail life, such as going days without showering, hiking in harsh weather conditions and sleeping in a tent, Holloway said the biggest challenge early on was getting used to the constant hunger.

"A typical AT hiker should consume 6,000 calories a day," Holloway said. "Of course, it's impossible to carry that much food with you, so we came in somewhere around 2,500 a day."

Those calories came in the form of Poptarts and Carnation powder drinks for breakfast, peanut butter sandwiches or a flour tortilla with mayonnaise and tuna for lunch, and instant mashed potatoes with gravy and Spam, Stovetop stuffing or Easy Mac for dinner. They snacked on Snickers bars and beef jerky in between meals to maintain their energy. Five days of food for two people weighs in around 15 pounds.

They made up for the other 3,500 calories a day by gorging on pizza, beer, burgers and ice cream on the days they went into town to resupply, usually about once a week. While they were in town, they would usually stay in a hotel or hostel where they would shower, do laundry, watch television and rest. They also used that time to check email and communicate with family and friends. The days of no hiking are known as "zero days," and days when they would hike only a few miles are called "nero days." Of their 176 days on the trail, only 16 were zero mile days.

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Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Chad Smith ('02) is an optometrist at Dr. Mark and Dr. Chad Smith Optometry in Brookhaven. He also owns and operates Hazlehurst Eye Clinic. He attended Mississippi College before being accepted to Southern College of Optometry in Memphis where he received a doctor of optometry. He and his wife Anna have two daughters, Ella Paxton and Lily Kingston.

22nd Annual NLCC to feature sports in the south

By Carolyn Vance Smith

A baseball game at Jefferson College, near Natchez, Miss., circa 1880. From the Gandy collection of Norman photographs, courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History

"Fields of Dreams: Sports in the South" is the theme of the 22nd annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, which will take place Feb. 24-27, 2011.

"People in the South are sports crazy," said Carolyn Vance Smith, founder and co-chairman of the Olympic Award-winning conference. "The 2011 NLCC will try to find out why."

Programs will focus on football, basketball, baseball, fishing and hunting. Other program topics will range from the historical Natchez Indians' stickball to modern-day competitive wheelchair tennis.

The conference will feature lectures by some of the country's most respected historians, authors, scholars, athletes, film writers and film makers. Enhancing the lecture series are four films, a concert of sports-related music by the Alcorn State University Concert Band, the unveiling of a new portrait of Natchez's noted author, Richard Wright, historic tours, book signings, exhibits, special meals at The Towers historic mansion and the Carriage House at Stanton Hall, and writing workshops for children and adults.

The Richard Wright Literary Excellence award will be presented to authors Rick Cleveland, of The Clarion-Ledger, and Jerry W. Ward, Jr., Dillard University. The Horton Foote Award for screenwriting will go to Robert Duvall, well-known screenwriter, producer, director and actor. The Thad Cochran Humanities Achievement Award will go to Richard Howorth, longtime leader of the Oxford Conference for the Book

Most events are free; however tickets are required for two meals, the NAPAC reception and the Alcorn Band concert. Tickets and information are available at www.colin.edu/nlcc, via email at NLCC@colin.edu, or call 601-446-1208 or toll-free 866-296-NLCC (6522).

Alumnus hikes *(continued from page 15)*

Holloway said the best part of hiking the trail was the people, calling some of the hikers he met lifelong friends. "You meet people at a point on the trail and hike a few days with them, and then you'll separate for a while and may not see them again for a month, but then meet up again further down the trail."

Some of those friendships were made when Holloway and Mitchell were forced to share close quarters with other hikers when they stopped to spend the night in shelters, which usually consisted of nothing more than a roof with walls set up along the trail for hikers to escape from the elements. When there were no shelters available, or if they were too full, they would be forced to set up camp.

An advantage to tent camping is more privacy than in the crowded shelters and hostels, however, rain, freezing temperatures, insects and wild animals were disadvantages Holloway and his friends encountered.

Bright moments along the trail came in the form of "Trail Magic," which refers to random acts of kindness shown to hikers such as food and drinks left out in ice chests along the trail for them to enjoy. Other encounters with trail magic Holloway experienced were people who showed up to cook food for the hikers on the trail, donations of food or money while they were in town, strangers who offered rides into town and sometimes even offered their homes for them to spend the night. Hikers sometimes refer to those kind strangers as "Trail Angels."

"The kindness and hospitality shown to us is something that I will never forget," Holloway said. "And as soon as I have the opportunity, I fully plan to pay that kindness forward to other hikers."

Although many people who start the hike end up quitting before reaching the end, or at least contemplate quitting at some point, Holloway said that wasn't the case for him. "I knew people who just got tired of it and wanted to quit, but I never did. While it did get hard at times, it never felt like it wasn't worth it for me."

In the end, it was the self discovery about his own life that was the most valuable lesson for Holloway. "I learned that my life can be done with so much less. When your day is cut down to walk to this spot and eat dinner, you realize that having a good, simple life is all you really need."

The experience led Holloway to the decision to switch gears in his career and move to New York City to pursue his dream of being a full time playwright. "You don't get to control the rain on the trail. Being able to calm down life and not be in control was a remarkable experience," Holloway said. "Things that were once a big deal aren't so important, and it taught me that in the end, I just want to do something I enjoy."

Co-Lin Head Coach Glenn Davis (right) receives the NJCAA Region 23/ MACJC State Runners-Up trophy from NJCAA Region 23 Representative/ MACJC Director of Athletics Activities Jim Southward.

Big plays lift Bulldogs over Wolfpack for state title

By Natalie Davis

WESSON - Two interceptions returned for touchdowns lifted the No. 9 Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs to a 31-17 win over the No. 7 Co-Lin Wolfpack in the MACJC State Championship game. Co-Lin quarterback Percy Turner, who threw only six interceptions all season, was picked off three times by the Bulldog defense.

Two of the three proved costly as Gulf Coast's Don Jones raced 57 yards for a touchdown making it 17-10 with 10:20 left in the third quarter. Four minutes later, Lamar Johnson took a Turner pass and went 37 yards for a TD making it 24-10 Bulldogs.

The Wolfpack cut the lead to 24-17 with 14:26 left in the fourth quarter as Turner scrambled down to the 1-yard line. Connor took the ball into the end zone scoring his second touchdown of the game. But the Bulldogs had other ideas. With 7 minutes remaining in the game, the Bulldogs faked a punt on fourth down as Rueben Corley took the ball for a 27-yard run. That drive ended with a one-yard touchdown plunge by quarterback Clayton Moore making it 31-17.

Co-Lin (9-2) took an 7-0 in the first quarter on a 70-yard 7 play drive with Montrell Conner plunging 1-yard for the touchdown.

Gulf Coast answered with 10 points, a 33-yard field goal by Will Scott and a 1-yard touchdown run by James Gillum. The touchdown was set up by one of two Co-Lin fumbles. Gillum finished the game 131 yards on 27 carries.

The Wolfpack tied the game at 10-all on a Justin Danise 40-yard field goal just before halftime.

Turner finished the game 14-of-25 for 121 yards. Conner led the Wolfpack rushers with 13 carries for 56 yards. Joel Davis had 11 rushes for 46 yards. Freshman LaVoyd James had 7 catches for 53 yards to lead Co-Lin receivers.

Co-Lin was looking to avenge its only loss of the season, a 23-3 loss at Gulf Coast on Oct. 16. The Wolfpack, who were looking for their first state championship since 1985, defeated last year's state champion East Mississippi Lions 41-28 in the semifinals.

Court in Mullen Gymnasium to be named after Young

By Natalie Davis

WESSON - The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Board of Trustees recently announced the the court in Graydon L. Mullen Gymnasium will be named after long-time women's head basketball coach Gwyn Young. Dedication ceremonies for Gywn Young Court are scheduled for January 31, 2011 between the women's and men's games.

Young has served the college as athletic director since 1989 and has been head coach of the Lady Wolves basketball team for 34 years. Since coming to Co-Lin, he has seen his team win numerous titles and has compiled a record of 748 wins and 222 losses (to date) to rank him as the NJCAA Second Winningest Active Coach in the nation and the Winningest Women's Coach in the Mississippi Association of Community/Junior Colleges.

Young has put the Lady Wolves on the map as one of the nation's most premier women's basketball teams.

Under his direction, the Lady Wolves have accomplished numerous awards including 21 MACJC Regular Season First Place Finishes, 15 MACJC South Division Championships, 20 MACJC State Tournament Appearances, five MACJC State Championships, seven runner-up MACJC State Champions, six NJCAA Region 23 Championships), nine runner-up NJCAA Region 23 Champions, six NJCAA National Tournament appearances, and they are consistently ranked each year by the NJCAA polls.

In 2010, Young's team finished the regular season with a 31-2 record, a third place finish in the final regular season NJCAA Poll and seventh in the 2010 National Tournament by winning the NJCAA Consolation Bracket. He has been named Region XXIII Coach of the Year six times and MACJC and MAC Coach of the Year four times, has been named Coach of the Year for Junior Colleges numerous times by *The Clarion-Ledger* and was inducted into Co-Lin's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

He is married to Velesta Young of Wesson, and they have two children, Lane and Jessica, and three grandchildren, Justin, Mary Gwyn, and Mailey Kate.

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University's Division of Nursing for six years and a librarian and Library Coordinator for the Natchez Adams School District for 18 years.

She received a B.S degree in English and Art Education and a M.S. in Library Science from Louisiana State University. At Co-Lin, she has served as Phi Theta Kappa advisor and a member of the wellness committee. She is on the judicial council and the institutional effectiveness committee and serves as United Way Campaign Chair. She received the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award in 2004.

She has served on numerous professional committees such as the Magnolia Selection Committee, and she has served as chair for the Mississippi Library Association's College Roundtable and Local Arrangements committees and the Natchez Adams School District United Way. She is active in her community as a member of the Pilgrimage Garden Club, Krewe of Phoenix, Vidalia Women's Club, and the Regionalism and Education Committee. She also volunteers as a storyteller and reader for the local public library and Miss-Lou elementary schools. She is married to Jack McLemore and they have two sons, Jack III and Scott, and a grandbaby on the way in April.

Middleton of Magee is the Dean of Student Services at the Simpson County Center. Prior to being appointed as Dean, he served Co-Lin as an instructor, academic advisor, Upward Bound Coordinator, and assistant basketball coach.

He is a 1996 graduate of Co-Lin. He received a B.S. degree from The University of Southern Mississippi in Coaching and Sports Administration, an M.S. degree from Alcorn State University in Secondary Education, and a Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University.

In addition to serving on the board of the Simpson County Economic Development Foundation, Middleton also serves on the county Leadership and Tourism Councils. He has served as a member of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Athletics, the Association of Educational Opportunity Program, the Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, and the State Board for Community and Junior College's Review Team for OCR and ADA compliance.

During his college and professional career, he has received numerous awards, certificates, and appointments. In addition to being nominated to Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, he has been awarded the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award at Co-Lin, completed the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program, and has been recognized by the Emerging Leaders Institute

Middleton is active in youth sports and serves as a volunteer coach for YMCA T-Ball as well as Dixie Youth Softball in Magee. He is married to Sirkersia Middleton, and they have a daughter, Soumya, 9, and a son, Kendal, 3.

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Alumni Spotlight

Brad Jones ('96) is the President/CEO of Bank of Franklin in Meadville. He received a bachelor of business management degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a juris doctorate from The University of Mississippi. He and his wife Kristie have a son, Andrew.

tracking the classes

Congratulations

Cindy Hyde-Smith ('79), District 39 state Senator, of Brookhaven, has been chosen as Vice Chairman of the Agriculture and Energy Standing Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. The position gives Senator Hyde-Smith, who serves as Chairman of the Mississippi Senate Agriculture Committee, a more direct line of communication with the U.S. House and Senate to relate Mississippi's agricultural needs and wishes.

Brian Barnard ('04) has been promoted to Loan Officer in the Magee Lending Center at PriorityOne Bank. Barnard joined the organization in 2009 and has served in various loan-related capacities.

Andrew Mullen Scott ('07) recently began a year-long internship in Indianapolis as the Society of Professional Journalists' communications coordinator. Scott graduated from the University of Mississippi in May 2010 with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Micah Davis ('08) has been named the Co-Offensive player of the Week by the Gulf South Conference and finalist for Cellular South's Conerly Trophy.

Nick Fairley ('10) has been named AP First All American and is the recipient of the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

Wedding Bells

Tedra J. Lambert (attending) married Dalton A. Rushing on September 3, 2010. She is currently pursuing a degree in Healthcare Data Technology.

Ashton Butler (attending) married Michael Sullivan on June 19, 2010. She is currently enrolled in the nursing program.

Megan Jackson (attending) married Philip Jarancik on September 18, 2010. She is currently employed with Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in McComb. He is employed with Chevron.

Daniel L. Snellgrove (attended) married Bonnie E. Scafidel on August 14, 2010. He is a Staff Sergeant in the Army National Guard and is employed with Averitt Express.

Kristin L. Taylor (attended) married Donald A. Berry on September 4, 2010. She is employed as a legal assistant by Murphy Williams Maley, PLLC in Jackson. He is currently employed as an environmental tech with United States Environmental Services in Byram.

Allyson N. Pickett (attended) married Grant D. McDonnieal (attended) on September 18, 2010. She is employed as a registered nurse with Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in McComb.

Stacey C. Lowery (attended) married Dustin G. Hollis on October 9, 2010. She is employed with Copiah Living Center in Crystal Springs.

Kelly M. Bessonette ('00) married James C. Moak on October

In Memoriam

Shirley Jean Lawson (former employee), 79, passed away November 8, 2010.

Calvin E. Harvey ('49), 84, passed away October 21, 2010.

Henry Andrew (Andy) Moak (attended), 87, passed August 1, 2010. While attending Co-Lin he was active in band, choir, and President of the Baptist Student Union.

James H. Booth Sr. (attended), 78, passed away August 5, 2010.

Hilton Reynolds (attended), 90, passed away October 22, 2010.

George R. Rea Sr. (attended), 95, passed away November 8, 2010.

Marion Garland Harris, Jr. (attended), 79, passed away October 15, 2010.

Bessie Callender Coker ('29) passed away September 5, 2010.

Ruby Lynn Scott LeBeau ('38), 91, passed away November 8, 2010. At Co-Lin, she participated in Glee Club, French Club, "W" Club, played tennis and ran track. Honors at Co-Lin included being a member and co-captain of the State-Wide Championship basketball team in 1938. In her second year she worked as secretary to the Registrar, Mr. Willie Smith. In 1988 she was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Co-Lin. In 1996 she was selected as outstanding alumna.

Burlian O'Neal Walker ('62), 68, passed away, October 5, 2010.

Mary M. Kyle ('41), 88, passed away July 1, 2010.

Mary E. Godbold Dillard ('45), passed away August 1, 2010.

Samuel Elton Mullins ('59), 71, passed away October 18, 2010.

Duain Tanner ('80), passed away May 17, 2010.

Robert L. Morris ('88), 68, passed away August 26, 2010.

Janice Claire Bailey (graduate) passed away September 1, 2010.

Carrie Britt Adams (graduate), 91, passed away on September 23, 2010.

Frank L. Summers (graduate), 82, passed away on September 21, 2010.

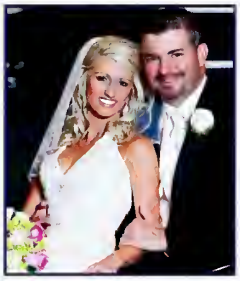
Willie Hobbs ('08), passed away on Nov. 29, 2010. He was a member of the Wolfpack football team and Blue Wave Show Band.

23, 2010. She is employed with Lincoln County as the E-911 coordinator.

Tara Ransome (02') married **Casey Shows** (03') on April 3, 2010. She is employed by Home-Land Title in Flowood and he is employed by Johnson Construction in Brandon.

Ashley Hesker ('03) married Robbie Fauver, Jr. on October 16, 2010. She is employed with the Mississippi Department of Human Services as a case manager.

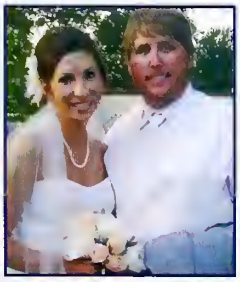
Joshua D. Duckworth ('03) married Natalie H. Kemp on May 22, 2010.



Grecian K. Barnett ('04) married Winton C. Berry on August 7, 2010. She is currently working at Paradise Trims in Mendenhall as a cosmetologist.

Brandi M. Irvin ('05) married Robert Hough III on August 21, 2010.

Bethany Bales ('05) married Heath Powell on October 9, 2010. She is employed as a financial service representative with Trustmark National Bank.



Jacob A. Leggett ('06) married Lindsey B. Everett on August 14, 2010.

Sarah E. McGehee (graduate) married **Garrett C. Lyons** ('07) on August 28, 2010. She is employed with Dr. Clay Johnston. He is employed with Chemstar Product Company.

Erica L. Mahaffey ('07) married John D. Puckett, Jr. on October 2, 2010. She is currently employed as a nurse at Boswell Regional Center in Magee.

Emily S. Langley ('08) married Jordan L. Toney ('08) on September 25, 2010.

Lacye S. Colson ('08) married Michael A. Evans on October 9, 2010. Lacye is employed with the Morgan White Group out of Jackson, Miss., as a licensed insurance agent.

Sabrina E. Smith ('08) married **Eric R. Collins** ('00) on August 21, 2010. He is employed with Paul Barnett Nissan in Brookhaven.

Brittany N. Grimes ('09) married Richard R. Bozeman on November 6, 2010. She is employed as a nurse with Brookhaven Children's Clinic.

Ana E. Stewart ('10) married **David W. Adams** (attended) on October 2, 2010.

New Arrivals

Kimberly ('03) and **Ben Goza** ('04) are the proud parents of Lleyton McKinley, born on August 5, 2010. Proud grandparents are Kenny and Vickie Goza; **Kenny** is a member of Co-Lin's Foundation Board of Directors.

Preston ('09) and Rhonie White are the proud parents of Harlow McKenzie, born on September 1, 2010. Proud grandmother is **Mytra White** (employed).

Beverly (employed) and Bill Jones are the proud grandparents of Benjamin Wyatt Case, born August 24, 2010. Parents are Justin and Hope Case and big brothers are Austin and Connor. Beverly is a cosmetology instructor.

Natalie Noble (employed) and Jerome Timmons, Jr. are the proud parents of Jayda McKenzie Timmons, born on September 14, 2010. Natalie is a part-time science instructor at the Simpson County Center.

Jennifer Bell ('99) and Adam Bell are the proud parents of Aden Thomas Bell, born on September 14, 2010.

Eddie ('97) and **Gina Britt** are the proud parents of Emory Lee Britt, born Oct. 19, 2010.

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